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***"AN ACT CONCERNING STATE INVESTMENT IN PREVENTION  
AND CHILD POVERTY REDUCTION."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 4-67v of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

5 For the biennial budget for the fiscal years commencing July 1,  
6 [2003, and ending June 30, 2005] 2007, and July 1, 2008, the Governor's  
7 budget document shall, within available appropriations, include a  
8 prevention report [presenting] that corresponds with the prevention  
9 goals established in section 4-67x, as amended by this act. The  
10 prevention report shall:

11 (1) Present in detail for each fiscal year of [such] the biennium the  
12 Governor's recommendation for appropriations for prevention services

13 classified by those budgeted agencies [involved in the State Prevention  
14 Council and showing] that provide prevention services to children,  
15 youth and families;

16 (2) Indicate the state's progress toward meeting the goal that, by the  
17 year 2020, at least ten per cent of total recommended appropriations  
18 for each such budgeted agency be allocated for prevention services;  
19 and

20 (3) Include, for each applicable budgeted agency and [its  
21 subdivisions,] any division, bureau or other unit of the agency, (A) a  
22 list of agency programs that provide prevention services, (B) the actual  
23 prevention services expenditures for the fiscal year [ending June 30,  
24 2003] preceding the biennium, by program, (C) the estimated  
25 prevention services expenditures for the first fiscal year [commencing  
26 July 1, 2003, and] of the biennium, (D) an identification of research-  
27 based prevention services programs, [ The Governor's budget shall  
28 also include] and (E) a summary of all prevention services by each  
29 applicable budgeted agency [,] identifying the total for prevention  
30 services included in the budget.

31 Sec. 2. Section 4-67s of the general statutes is repealed and the  
32 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

33 As used in sections 4-67s to [4-67v] 4-67x, inclusive, as amended by  
34 this act:

35 (1) "Prevention" means policies and programs that promote healthy,  
36 safe and productive lives and reduce the likelihood of crime, violence,  
37 substance abuse, illness, academic failure and other socially  
38 destructive behaviors.

39 (2) "Research-based prevention" means those prevention programs  
40 as defined in this section that have been rigorously evaluated and are  
41 found to be effective or represent best practices.

42 Sec. 3. Section 4-67x of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is

43 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
44 *October 1, 2006*):

45 (a) (1) There shall be a Child Poverty and Prevention Council  
46 consisting of the following members or their designees: The Secretary  
47 of the Office of Policy and Management, the president pro tempore of  
48 the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority  
49 leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the House of  
50 Representatives, the Commissioners of Children and Families, Social  
51 Services, Correction, Mental Retardation, Mental Health and Addiction  
52 Services, Transportation, Public Health, Education, Economic and  
53 Community Development and Health Care Access, the Labor  
54 Commissioner, the Chief Court Administrator, the Chairman of the  
55 Board of Governors for Higher Education, the Child Advocate, [the  
56 chairperson of the State Prevention Council,] the chairperson of the  
57 Children's Trust Fund and the executive directors of the Commission  
58 on Children and the Commission on Human Rights and  
59 Opportunities. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,  
60 or the secretary's designee, shall be the chairperson of the council. The  
61 council shall (1) develop and promote the implementation of a ten-year  
62 plan, to begin June 8, 2004, to reduce the number of children living in  
63 poverty in the state by fifty per cent, and (2) within available  
64 appropriations, establish prevention goals and recommendations and  
65 measure prevention service outcomes in accordance with this section  
66 in order to promote the health and well-being of children and families.

67 (b) The ten-year plan shall contain: (1) An identification and  
68 analysis of the occurrence of child poverty in the state, (2) an analysis  
69 of the long-term effects of child poverty on children, their families and  
70 their communities, (3) an analysis of costs of child poverty to  
71 municipalities and the state, (4) an inventory of state-wide public and  
72 private programs that address child poverty, (5) the percentage of the  
73 target population served by such programs and the current state  
74 funding levels, if any, for such programs, (6) an identification and  
75 analysis of any deficiencies or inefficiencies of such programs, and (7)  
76 procedures and priorities for implementing strategies to achieve a fifty

77 per cent reduction in child poverty in the state by June 30, 2014. Such  
78 procedures and priorities shall include, but not be limited to, (A)  
79 vocational training and placement to promote career progression for  
80 parents of children living in poverty, (B) educational opportunities,  
81 including higher education opportunities, and advancement for such  
82 parents and children, including, but not limited to, preliteracy, literacy  
83 and family literacy programs, (C) housing for such parents and  
84 children, (D) day care and after-school programs and mentoring  
85 programs for such children and for single parents, (E) health care  
86 access for such parents and children, including access to mental health  
87 services and family planning, (F) treatment programs and services,  
88 including substance abuse programs and services, for such parents and  
89 children, and (G) accessible childhood nutrition programs.

90 (c) In developing the ten-year plan, the council shall consult with  
91 experts and providers of services to children living in poverty and  
92 parents of such children. The council shall hold at least one public  
93 hearing on the plan. After the public hearing, the council may make  
94 any modifications that the members deem necessary based on  
95 testimony given at the public hearing.

96 (d) Funds from private and public sources may be accepted and  
97 utilized by the council to develop and implement the plan and the  
98 provisions of this section.

99 (e) Not later than January 1, 2005, the council shall submit the plan,  
100 in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of  
101 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
102 appropriations and human services and to the select committee of the  
103 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children,  
104 along with any recommendations for legislation and funding  
105 necessary to implement the plan.

106 (f) (1) On or before January 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, until  
107 January 1, 2015, the council shall report, in accordance with section 11-  
108 4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having

109 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and human services  
110 and to the select committee of the General Assembly having  
111 cognizance of matters relating to children on the implementation of the  
112 plan, progress made toward meeting the child poverty reduction goal  
113 specified in subsection (a) of this section and the extent to which state  
114 actions are in conformity with the plan. The council shall meet at least  
115 two times annually [to review and coordinate state agency efforts to  
116 meet the child poverty reduction goal specified in subsection (a) of this  
117 section] for the purposes set forth in this section.

118 (2) On or before January 1, 2007, the council shall, within available  
119 appropriations, report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the  
120 Governor and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
121 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations, education,  
122 human services and public health and to the select committee of the  
123 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children,  
124 on the state's progress in prioritizing expenditures in budgeted state  
125 agencies with membership on the council in order to fund prevention  
126 services. The report shall include (A) a summary of measurable gains  
127 made toward the child poverty and prevention goals established in  
128 this section; (B) a copy of each such agency's report on prevention  
129 services submitted to the council pursuant to this subsection (g) of this  
130 section; (C) examples of successful interagency collaborations to meet  
131 the child poverty and prevention goals established in this section; and  
132 (D) recommendations for prevention investment and budget priorities.  
133 In developing such recommendations, the council shall consult with  
134 experts and providers of services to children and families.

135 (g) (1) On or before November 1, 2006, and on or before November  
136 1, 2007, each budgeted state agency with membership on the council  
137 that provides prevention services to children shall, within available  
138 appropriations, report to the council in accordance with this  
139 subsection.

140 (2) Each agency report shall include at least two prevention services  
141 for the report due on or before November 1, 2006, and the report due

142 on or before November 1, 2007, not to exceed the actual number of  
143 prevention services provided by the agency. For each prevention  
144 service reported by the agency, the agency report shall include (A) a  
145 statement of the number of children and families served, (B) a  
146 description of the preventive purposes of the service, (C) for the report  
147 due on or before November 1, 2007, a description of performance-  
148 based standards and outcomes included in relevant contracts pursuant  
149 to subsection (h) of this section, and (D) any performance-based  
150 vendor accountability protocols.

151 (3) Each agency report shall also include (A) long-term agency  
152 goals, strategies and outcomes to promote the health and well-being of  
153 children and families, (B) overall findings on the effectiveness of  
154 prevention within such agency, (C) a statement of whether there are  
155 methods used by such agency to reduce disparities in child  
156 performance and outcomes by race, income level and gender, and a  
157 description of such methods, if any, and (D) other information the  
158 agency head deems relevant to demonstrate the preventive value of  
159 services provided by the agency. Long-term agency goals, strategies  
160 and outcomes reported under this subdivision may include, but need  
161 not be limited to, the following:

162 (i) With respect to health goals, increasing (I) the number of healthy  
163 pregnant women and newborns, (II) the number of youths who adopt  
164 healthy behaviors, and (III) access to health care for children and  
165 families;

166 (ii) With respect to education goals, increasing the number of  
167 children who (I) are ready for school at an appropriate age, (II) learn to  
168 read by third grade, (III) succeed in school, (IV) graduate from high  
169 school, and (V) successfully obtain and maintain employment as  
170 adults;

171 (iii) With respect to safety goals, decreasing (I) the rate of child  
172 neglect and abuse, (II) the number of children who are unsupervised  
173 after school, (III) the incidence of child and youth suicide, and (IV) the

174 incidence of juvenile crime; and

175 (iv) With respect to housing goals, increasing access to stable and  
176 adequate housing.

177 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) Not later than July 1, 2006, the Office of Policy and  
178 Management shall, within available appropriations, develop a protocol  
179 requiring state contracts for programs aimed at reducing poverty for  
180 children and families to include performance-based standards and  
181 outcome measures related to the child poverty reduction goal specified  
182 in subsection (a) of this section. Not later than July 1, 2007, the Office of  
183 Policy and Management shall, within available appropriations, require  
184 such state contracts to include such performance-based standards and  
185 outcomes. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management may  
186 consult with the Commission on Children to identify academic, private  
187 and other available funding sources and may accept and utilize funds  
188 from private and public sources to implement the provisions of this  
189 section.

190 ~~[(h)]~~ (i) For purposes of this section, the Secretary of the Office of  
191 Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, shall be  
192 responsible for coordinating all necessary activities, including, but not  
193 limited to, scheduling and presiding over meetings and public  
194 hearings.

195 ~~[(i)]~~ (j) The council shall terminate on June 30, 2015.

196 Sec. 4. Section 17b-16 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes  
197 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
198 *October 1, 2006*):

199 The Labor Department, in cooperation with the Department of  
200 Social Services, shall provide information and assistance in obtaining,  
201 within available appropriations, the federal earned income credit  
202 established pursuant to 26 USC 32, to each applicant for or recipient of  
203 assistance from the department. The Labor Department, in cooperation  
204 with the Department of Revenue Services, shall promote the earned

205 income credit program to recipients of benefits pursuant to section  
 206 17b-112. The Department of Social Services, in consultation with the  
 207 Child Poverty and Prevention Council established in section 4-67x, as  
 208 amended by this act, shall, within available appropriations, promote  
 209 greater utilization of the federal earned income credit to  
 210 municipalities, public and private employers, community-based  
 211 organizations and other entities that have frequent contact with low-  
 212 income families and shall enhance financial literacy and self-  
 213 sufficiency programs. School and business partnership funds, private  
 214 funds and other available funds may be used for purposes of this  
 215 section.

216 Sec. 5. Sections 4-67t, 4-67u and 4-67w of the general statutes are  
 217 repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2006*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	4-67v
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	4-67s
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	4-67x
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	17b-16
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	Repealer section